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14 October 1948

Rear Admiral J. J. Manning, USN
Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks
Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Manning:

Reference is made to your letter of 8 October, addressed to Admiral Hillenkoetter and pertaining to the seminar to be held at Port Hueneme from the 4th to the 17th of November.

Admiral Hillenkoetter is still in Europe, and both his schedule and my own for the week of 8 November are such as to make it impossible for either of us to make the CIA presentation requested. We can, however, arrange for the talk to be presented by [redacted] STAT STAT if this is satisfactory to you, we shall make the necessary contacts and arrangements.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

E. K. WRIGHT
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Director for
Central Intelligence

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Washington 25, D. C.

8 October 1948

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The second Bureau of Yards and Docks Seminar for the West Coast, covering a two weeks program of instruction and information for officers of the Civil Engineer Corps Reserve, is to be held at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Port Hueneme, California, from the 4th to the 17th of November, 1948. These Seminars, together with the Seminars held in Washington for the East Coast, have become the outstanding Forum for the 100 CEC Reserve Officers that attend. The Port Hueneme Seminar is attended by Reserve Officers that come from the various parts of the United States west of the Mississippi River.

At the recent Washington Seminar, it was our privilege to have Brigadier General E. K. Wright, USA, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, address the CEC Reserve Officer group on a very interesting subject that involved world conditions and Intelligence. It was so well received that it is particularly desired to have a similar presentation at the Port Hueneme Seminar for Wednesday, 10 November, at 1020.

We would like to have either you or Brigadier General E. K. Wright give this address and sincerely hope that it will be possible to do so. It is understood, by telephone conversation with General Wright, that definite word as to assignment cannot be had before about 15 October. However, your consent and early advice on this request will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

s/
J. J. Manning,
Rear Admiral, (CEC) U.S.N.,
Chief of Bureau

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN
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